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6. (Amended) A ~~mollusc~~ repellent composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 5]
claim 1, wherein the metal oxalate is selected from ferric potassium oxalate or copper
oxalate.

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8. (Amended) A ~~mollusc~~ repellent composition according to [any one of the
preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the amount of metal oxalate is between about 2% to
100% by weight of the total composition.

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11. (Amended) A ~~mollusc~~ repellent composition according to [any one of the
preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the carrier is water.

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13. (Amended) A ~~mollusc~~ repellent composition according to claim 11 [or claim 12],
wherein the carrier comprises between about 0% and 98% by weight of the total
composition.

14. (Amended) A ~~mollusc~~ repellent composition according to [any one of the
preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the carrier [includes] comprises a binder to facilitate the
adhesion of the metal oxalate onto the surface of an article to be treated.

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18. (Amended) A ~~mollusc~~ repellent composition according to [any one of claims 14 to
17] claim 14, wherein the binder comprises between 0.1% and 100% by weight of the
carrier.

A7 20. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition according to [any one of the preceeding claims] claim 1 further [including] comprising a fungicide.

A8 22. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition according to claim 20 [or claim 21], wherein the fungicide is selected from copper oxychloride or thiram.

A9 23. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition according to [any on of claims 20 to 22] claim 20, wherein the fungicide is applied as a coating in combination with a small amount of a non-phytotoxic dye.

A9 25. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition according to [any one of the preceeding claims] claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a diluent to enable even coverage of the article to which the repellent is to be attached.

A10 27. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition according to claim 25 [or claim 26], wherein the diluent comprises between about 0% to 95% by weight of the total composition.

A10 28. (Amended) A mollusc repellent according to [any one of claims 1 to 14 and claim 16] claim 1, wherein the composition further [includes] comprises a growth hormone.

A11 30. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition according to claim 28 [or claim 29], wherein the growth hormone comprises between about 0.05% and 1% by weight of the total composition.

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31. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 30] claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a metal oxalate in combination with at least one other mollusc repellent.

32. (Amended) A method for treating an article with the mollusc repellent composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 31, including] claim 1, comprising applying the repellent composition to the surface of the article to be treated.

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37. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 32 to 36] claim 32, wherein the form of the repellent is selected from a solid, a suspension or coating composition.

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40. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition, according to [any one of claims 1 to 31] claim 1, in the form of a coating composition.

41. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition, according to [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1, in the form of a paint.

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47. (Amended) An article treated with [the] a mollusc repellent composition [according to any one of claims 1 to 31] according to the method of [any one of claims 32 to 39] claim 39.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and early and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.